

REMARKS

The Amendments

Claim 28 is amended to correct an obvious dependency error. New dependent claims from independent claim 27 analogous to those dependent on independent claim 16 are added. The amendments do not narrow the scope of the claims.

The Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejections

The obviousness-type double patenting rejections, of claim 16 over U.S. Patent Nos. 6,063,361 and 5,820,849 each in view of Simor et al., and of claim 27 over U.S. Patent No. 6,063,361 in view of Platzek, are overcome by the terminal disclaimer filed herewith directed to both U.S. Patent Nos. 6,063,361 and 5,820,849.

The Claim Objections

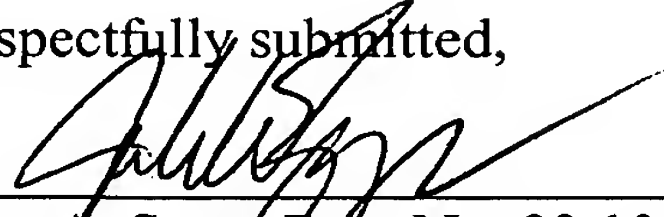
The objection to claims 17-19 and 21-26 as depending on a rejected base claim is believed to be overcome by the terminal disclaimer removing the sole rejections on the base claim.

The objection to claim 28 is believed to be overcome by the above amendment correcting the dependency error of the claim, as noted in the Office Action.

It is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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